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Paralympic role for Brentwood physiotherapist

A Brentwood physiotherapist has been selected to join the army of volunteers who will be working at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Sarah Sandford, a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP), will be a 'Games Maker' at the event, having got through a selection process that attracted more than 250,000 applicants.

Also a member of the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy (ACPAT), Sarah runs the Brentwood-based veterinary physiotherapy business, Physio-Vision. At the Paralympics, she will be part of a 13-strong team of chartered veterinary physiotherapists who will be helping ensure the horses are in the best condition possible.

Sarah said: "I was amazed and very excited to hear I'd been selected. It's a fantastic opportunity to raise the profile of veterinary physiotherapy.

"I'll be helping ensure the horses are in top condition before and after competition and dealing with musculoskeletal and soft tissue injuries. Some of the horses will have travelled long distances to be in London, so one of the biggest issues will be loosening their muscles after they've been transported to the venue and helping them to perform to their potential."

Dr Helena Johnson, chair of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP), said: "Physiotherapists will play an important role at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and being selected as a Games Maker is a big achievement.

"Sarah can look forward to the experience of a lifetime."

There are expected to be hundreds of Games Makers who are CSP members working in a variety of roles. More information on Games Makers can be found [here](#).

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Notes for Editors:

1. The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy is the UK's professional, educational and trade union body. We have more than 51,000 members, including chartered physiotherapists, physiotherapy students and support workers.